



Self-Referral Patients Information Sheet

In July 2015, the State of Georgia enacted a revision of the Physical Therapy Practice Act allowing physical therapists to evaluate patients without a referral from a Medical Doctor. This allows citizens of Georgia another entry point into the healthcare delivery system. This type of visit is known as patient self-referral. Your physical therapist will examine and evaluate you and, with your input, propose a plan of care for your musculoskeletal issue.

If at any time during your care, your signs and symptoms are not appropriate for physical therapy, your physical therapist will refer you directly to the appropriate practitioner for further assessment.

The following conditions apply to your self-referral visit:

- Your treating physical therapist is a Doctor of Physical Therapy
- Your physical therapist will determine a physical therapy diagnosis as required however this not a medical diagnosis
- This physical therapy diagnosis is determined without radiological or laboratory tests
- Your insurance company may or may not cover these services however in most cases insurance will pay for this visit. Our front desk staff will determine your insurance coverage and you will be fully informed prior to treatment
- If you have been diagnosed for this condition in the previous 90 days you must have a referral from a physician

I have read and understand the conditions stated above:

Signature of Patient or guardian

____/____/____ **Date**